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WAR COMES TO INDIA OVER EASTERN BORDER

JAP RAIDING COLUMNS ENTER MANIPUR STATE

"No Cause For Alarm Over A Token Invasion", Assures C.-In-C.

CALCUTTA, March 22.

"For the first time in this war, fighting is going on on Indian soil", reports D. R. Mankekar, A. P. I. war correspondent.

Continuing Mr. Mankekar says: Today's Communique reports that the Japanese have crossed the frontier into Manipur State, and at some points, they are in contact with our advanced patrols. There is no indication of the strength of the Japanese columns beyond that they were called a "raiding column", but these are forces which crossed the Chindwin in "considerable strength".

The Japanese are apparently between Tiddim and Imphal since the Communique says, "Our troops moved out from advanced positions to deal with the Japanese outflanking movements north of Tiddim".

An unconfirmed report received here adds that fighting is going on six miles north of Tiddim. Tiddim hangs pendulously at the end of a 100-mile road from Imphal. The last 30-mile stretch of this new road is inside Burma. It is at this thread of the road that the Jap offensive is aimed.

JAPANESE CROSS FRONTIER

NEW DELHI, March 22.

In the Council of State this afternoon, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, General Sir Claude Auchinleck, made the following statement on the war situation on the Burma front:

As the House is being adjourned for some days, I thought Hon'ble members might be interested to hear from me about the general situation which has developed in the central sector of the Burma front, some details of which are announced in today's "communique" from South East Asia command.

I therefore wish, sir, with your permission to make a brief statement about the situation on the frontier where Manipur state borders Burma.

REPEATED WARNING

Hon'ble members will recall that in a broadcast to India on December 13th last, I said that the Japanese realised very well the importance of India to the Allied cause and that they were likely to do all they could to interfere with our war effort. At the same time, I warned the country that as the Allied pressure on them increased, the Japanese would probably become more reckless in their attempts to throw us off our balance by raids and attacks designed to alarm and confuse us. I repeated this warning in the statement I recently laid on the table of this House in answer to a question by the Hon'ble Raja Yuvaraj Dutta Singh on the general war situation and the achievements of Indian troops.

JAP REACTION EXPECTED

The bold, well executed, but overconfident counter offensive made by the enemy against the flank and rear of our Seventh Division in Arakan last month was the first example of this expected reaction on his part. We have for some time been expecting a similar reaction further to the north. This has now developed in the jungle-covered mountain tracts where the state of Manipur borders Burma. Foiled at considerable cost to themselves, in their bold effort to relieve our pressure on them on the Arakan front, the Japanese are trying the same tactics in the Manipur area. The enemy is taking the offensive in that very rugged and difficult country where no continuous line of defence is possible. During the last two years we have been laboriously building roads through this wild region to enable us to maintain enough troops to deal with the enemy forces which have been concentrating on the Chindwin river. The Japanese have now sent out raiding columns of considerable strength in an attempt to carry out their usual policy of forcing our forward troops to withdraw by cutting their supply lines.

A TOKEN INVASION OF INDIA

We have always realised that there was nothing to stop the enemy sending raiding columns into these sparsely inhabited mountain tracts if he wanted to do so. It has always been open to the Japanese thus to cross our frontier and so to carry out a token invasion of India.

Compared with us, however, the enemy have a very different problem to face in this sort of venture. The Wingate expedition of last year into the heart of Burma was made possible, largely by our superiority in the air which made it independent of supply by land. Allied air superiority, as Hon'ble members are well aware, has not only been maintained but is to-day far greater than it was a year ago. In consequence, troops of the Fourteenth Army are again at this very moment operating far in their interior of Burma. Such air support for independent columns is not available to our enemies owing to their relative weakness in air forces. It seems, therefore that if they wish to use these tactics to create diversions, they must rely on relatively short range operations, relying on the well-known capacity of Japanese troops to exist on very small rations, plus what they can loot from sparsely distributed local inhabitants.

As war member and C-In-C India, I am naturally in the closest daily touch with the Supreme Allied Commander regarding the situation on our frontier. I can assure the House that I am satisfied that the quality of our men and the strength we have at our disposal should enable us to deal in due course with this latest Japanese counter-stroke.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

There is no need, therefore, to be unduly concerned about the fact that enemy columns are advancing across a line on the map which represents the frontier of India in this wild and thinly populated region.

No real threat can materialise, unless and until the Japanese manage to penetrate to points whence they could attack our rail and river communications or our airfields in Assam. To do this, they must cross great distances of high mountain and dense forest. Lacking means of protection and supply from the air, the enemy cannot hope to maintain such penetration without either destroying or forcing back our troops. These troops are well acquainted with this most intricate country and trained to fight in it and I know that their fighting spirit is at its highest.

I am in no doubt myself as to the ultimate result of the fighting now beginning in this part of the front, though it may take time before the situation is finally cleared up to the satisfaction of our commanders.—A.P.

SINO-AFGHAN PACT

NEW DELHI, March 22. According to Kabul radio a treaty of friendship between Afghanistan and China was signed at Ankara on March 2 by representatives of both the Governments. The treaty provides for exchange of diplomatic missions and consulates.—A. P.

Allied War Communique

NEW DELHI, March 22.

To-day's Allied War Communique says that in their counter-offensive across River Chindwin, Jap raiding columns have continued to move to the west in wild and mountainous district of Somra Hill tracts. At one or two places, they crossed the frontier into Manipur State. At some points, they are in contact with our advanced patrols.—United Press.

DEFENCE PARTIES FORMED IN ASSAM

CALCUTTA, March 20.

Hundreds of village defence parties have now been formed in all the districts on the plains of Assam to assist in safeguarding the main roads and railway lines of the province, says an Assam Government press note.

It adds: each party has to patrol at night a short sector of the railway line adjoining its village. The villagers work in close co-operation with the police, military and railway gang patrols. Through the uniformed supervisors the deputy commissioners of each district control the village defence parties. Attempts are being made to get as many able-bodied men as possible to join the parties.

The members of the parties are volunteers, but a bonus of Rs. 10 to Rs. 15 is paid monthly to all those parties who work regularly. Lamps, kerosene oil, umbrellas and blankets are provided by Government.—A. P.

Restriction On Parcels For Imphal

CALCUTTA, March 22.

The booking of parcels for Imphal S. O. under Jorhat H. O. save and except official parcels, parcels addressed to members of His Majesty's forces or Allied forces and parcels containing medicines or medical supplies is suspended until further instructions states a Postal notification.—A. P

EMIRAU AND ELOMUSAO ISLANDS FALL TO ALLIES

Allied Hq., South-west Pacific March 22.

United States Marines who invaded Emirau Island in the Saint Mathias Group, about 84 miles north-west of Kavieng, New Ireland, have also made a landing on the neighbouring Elomusao Island.

It is assumed that both the islands are now entirely under Allied control. The marines quickly brushed aside slight opposition and in the early stages captured a radio station on one of the islands.—Reuter.

JAPS IN MANIPUR STATE

Map of Assam-Burma frontier where war, according to A. P. I. correspondent, is going on on Indian soil.

Gurkhas Save Situation

Bring Relief For Allies In Chin Hills

ASSAM-BURMA FRONT, March 22.

A dramatic telephone call from a brigadier gave the first concrete news that a party of marauding Japs had cut a section of the road in the Chin Hills.

The brigadier was on a reconnaissance when the telephone line forward went dead. Troops coming down the road rumoured that upgoing traffic had been stopped by Jap fire. The situation was uncertain until the brigadier and a signaller confirmed that the Japs had cut across the road and movement forward or back was impossible.

Joining a party of Indian troops, who were trying to connect up with their unit, the brigadier put himself under command of a junior officer and a defensive box was formed facing the Jap positions.

The Japs infiltrating into the Chin Hills had positioned themselves on a mound in between the junction of two roads. Some according to one officer were on horseback. Using light machineguns and mortars they kept a stretch of the road under fire. After the line had been cut by fire two British signallers who were with the Brigadier made several gallant but unavailing attempts to cross the road and climb a telegraph pole.

During the night the Japs repeatedly attacked our troops who held their ground and killed and wounded some 30 enemy. Later, Gurkhas arrived and were able to make contact and relieve the strain.

A returning officer said, the conduct of our troops under pressure during the night was magnificent.—A. P.

NON-PARTY LEADERS' CONFERENCE

Will Be Held At Lucknow On April 7 And 8

LUCKNOW, March 22.

Arrangements are going on briskly in connection with the Non-Party Leaders' Conference which will be held here on April 7 and 8. About 100 delegates, mostly from the Provinces where Section 93 of the Government of India Act is in force, are expected to attend.

Sir Jagdish Prasad is coming here on April 4 in connection with the Conference.

"CONGRESS MUST PARTICIPATE"

"As regards the question of holding an All-Parties Conference I submitted to Pandit Malaviya for his consideration that though the idea should not be given up, yet no such conference can be held or the political impasse ended unless Mahatma Gandhi and the leaders of the Congress, which is by far the most important and representative political party in the country, are free to take part in the discussion" said in an interview to the 'United Press' Raja Maheshwar Dayal Seth who returned from Allahabad after discussing the proposals of holding an All-Parties' Conference with Pandit Malaviya.

He added: "The only thing we can do at present and we must do is to bring to bear such a pressure of public opinion which even the present unresponsive Government may not find it impossible to ignore."—United Press.

In Suburban Village

ARMED DACOITS FIRE ON FOUR VILLAGERS

On Tuesday about midnight about fifteen Pathans armed with revolvers and knives raided a wealthy merchant's house in a village called Mahole near Chembur. The inmates of the house raised an alarm and the neighbours in the village immediately came to their rescue. In the scuffle that followed the Pathans opened five and four villagers were seriously injured. The Pathans took to their heels with the booty. Seven Pathans were traced and arrested by the police. The four persons, who were injured were brought to the K. E. M. Hospital where they are lying in a precarious condition.

NINE SICK DESTITUTES DIE

CALCUTTA, March 22: Nine sick destitutes died in Calcutta hospitals yesterday.

Malda and Bankura Districts and nine Municipalities in Mymensingh District have been officially notified to be areas threatened with an outbreak of small-pox. The district of Bankura is also threatened with an outbreak of cholera.

NO BR. BAIT TO BULGARIA

WESTMINSTER, March 22. Mr. Eden replying to a question about the Balkans in the Commons today gave the assurance that "there is no question of offering Bulgaria any Greek or Yugoslav territory as an inducement to come out of the war.

"The British Government are fully conscious of the need to ensure that any terms offered to Bulgaria shall be acceptable to our Allies, who are directly concerned".

Capt. Alan Graham (Conservative), who had asked for this assurance, said that Mr. Eden's answer "will give the utmost satisfaction to the Allies in various places who had reason to feel considerable anxiety on that score."

Negotiations With Spain

Mr. Anthony Eden, stated in the Commons to-day that progress is being made in negotiations with Spain.

Replying to an enquiry whether negotiations had yet reached any conclusion, Mr. Eden said: "No. These negotiations which cover a number of complex issues are still proceeding and I regret I am not, therefore, in a position to add to the statement I made on the subject on February 23. I think, however, I can say that progress is being made, at all events, on some of these issues and I hope to be in a position to report further to the House shortly."

Attitude To Italy

Mr. Eden declared in Parliament to-day that Britain does not intend to alter the existing position under which relations between Britain and the Italian Government are conducted.

Asked whether the British Government intended to follow the Soviet Government's example in establishing formal diplomatic relations with the Italian Government and whether the British Government was consulted in this matter, Mr. Eden replied: "No communications have passed between the British Government and the Italian Government regarding the exchange of diplomatic representatives between this country and Italy. The British Government do not intend to alter the existing position under which relations between this country and the Italian Government are conducted through the medium of the Allied Control Commission set up by the terms of the armistice with Italy. The British Government are in communication with the Soviet Government regarding the exchange of representatives between that Government and the Italian Government as to which they were not consulted beforehand and I have no further statement to make on this matter at the present time".

Sir Alfred Betit (Conservative) asked: "Can Mr. Eden say why the Italian democratic parties staged a meeting of protest as they did after a very moderate speech by the Prime Minister.

Mr. Eden: I am afraid I have no information on that.

Sir Archibald Southby (Conservative): "Are we not apt to forget that a short time ago the Italians were killing our men?"

Daniel Lipson (Independent): "Was the decision announced after consultation with the United States?"

Mr. Eden: He will observe that Mr. Hull used language very similar to that which I have just used.

Mr. Eden questioned later about the Advisory Council for Italy said there was no recommendation from the Council to the Governments concerned that there should be resumption of diplomatic relations with the Badoglio Government.

COAL SHORTAGE TELLS ON GUJARAT MILLS

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, March 22.

The New Swadeshi Mill of Ahmedabad has closed day and night shifts owing to coal shortage since the 18th inst.

It is understood all Gujarat mills have been threatened with coal shortage and mill-owners are considering the advisability of reducing working hours or closing of night shifts. They get 50 per cent less supply than actual demand.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN CASSINO

LONDON, March 22.

Mediterranean Allied force advance headquarters: To-day's Allied Communique states: "Land: Very heavy hand-to-hand fighting continues in Cassino and on the hills above the town. Our troops are making slow but steady progress against strong opposition.

On the remainder of the main Fifth Army front and in the Fifth Army Allied bridgehead patrols were active. Sharp patrol clashes occurred on the Eighth Army front.

AIR: Rail installations north of Rome were attacked yesterday, Arezzo and Bucine viaducts being well covered. On the Dalmatian coast shipping was attacked. At Tarquinia a bridge was destroyed. Four enemy aircraft were destroyed and four of ours are missing."—Reuter.

BARODA BAN ON SAVARKAR CHARITRA

SURAT, March 22: The Baroda Government have declared a book named "Savarkar Charitra" written in Marathi as forfeited and banned its entry into the State, says a report received here.—United Press.

NEW DELHI, March 22: It is understood that a meeting of the Standing Food Advisory Committee of the Central Legislature will be held at New Delhi on March 31, 1944.

Willkie Hits Out

Total Disagreement With Roosevelt's Foreign Policy

GREEN BAY (WISCONSIN): March 22.

Mr. Wendell Willkie denied reports that he had agreed with President Roosevelt's foreign policy.

"There is no man in public life who has so frequently disagreed with Roosevelt as I have," he said.

"I am in complete disagreement with the President's policy regarding Vichy, Darlan and the Fascists in Italy. As a matter of fact I do not know what his foreign policy is."

"If President Roosevelt favours some sort of international co-operation to preserve peace, then he is in agreement with me"—Reuter.

ATLANTIC CHARTER IN COMMONS

Churchill Says It Stands For The Spirit In Which Allies Are Fighting

WESTMINSTER, March 22.

Mr. Churchill indicated in the Commons to-day that there must be renewed consultation between the principal Allies on the Atlantic Charter.

Replying to Mr. Daniel Lipson (Independent) who asked if Mr. Churchill would make a clarifying statement in view of the doubts, which existed as to what territories the principles of the Atlantic Charter were to apply Mr. Churchill declared: "It is evident that as changing phases of the war succeed one another some further clarification will be required of the position under the document which has become honourably known as the Atlantic Charter and that this must be subject for renewed consultation between the principal Allies.

"I am not prepared to embark on this subject at question time to-day further than to state that the Atlantic Charter stands as a declaration of the spirit and purpose in which its signatories are waging this war, not without success, and that it implies no pact or bargain with our enemies".—Reuter.

NO FEAR OF ANOTHER POMPEI

But Vesuvius Swallows Up Village Of Pollena

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent in Naples)

Another village is today being swallowed up by lava flowing down the slopes of the erupting Vesuvius. The village, the name of which is Pollena, is reported to have already been partly destroyed and is being evacuated. It stands two miles north-west of San Sebastiano, which has already been completely enveloped. It is officially stated from the observatory that the eruption is continuing with intensity.

A shower of fine particles of dust resulting from the lava fountain, which burst yesterday evening, fell at Salpno, 20 miles south-east of the crater.

Vesuvius Observatory, March 22. Prof. Giuseppe Imbo, Superintendent of this observatory, half-way up the Vesuvius has told me that he estimates that the volcano is belching up one million cubic metres of material an hour.

The climax of the present eruption took place on Tuesday afternoon and evening when at approximately 17.30 hours and again at 20.30 hours the volcano hurled up enormous masses of lava, dust and steam. Shortly after the first of these crises, Prof. Imbo gave the reckoning that lava was being hurled 1,200 feet high and steam a mile high.

The harassed spectators gasped, wondering whether it might not be a prelude to something like showers of ash which buried neighbouring Pompei nearly 2,000 years back, but Prof. Imbo reassuringly said that there was no resemblance in the phenomena.

RAIDERS OVER ENGLAND

LONDON, March 22: The Air Ministry announces: "Last night enemy aircraft were over London East Anglia and South-East England. Bombs were dropped at a number of places and damage and casualties have been reported.

It is now known that a ninth enemy aircraft was destroyed in raids on this country last night."

Mosquitoes of the Bomber Command attacked targets in Western Germany last night.

U. S. heavy bombers attacked the Berlin area today

SMUTS TO RECEIVE INDIAN DEPUTATION

NEW DELHI, March 21.—According to a report received here Field Marshal Smuts has agreed to receive a deputation of the Natal Indian Congress, which proposes formally to press for the withdrawal of the Pegging Act.—A.P.

Hungaro-Rumanian Border Clash

Russian Troops Capture Verba And Pervomaisk

LONDON, March 22.

The Swedish radio to-day said that according to reports reaching diplomatic circles in Zurich, fighting on the Hungarian-Rumanian border between troops of the two countries had developed into regular battles at some points. Arad and Nagy Varad were mentioned as two of the points.

Fighting is said to have started when the Rumanians tried to cross the frontier.

Hungarian Transport Under Nazi Control

ANKARA, March 21.—All important points, specially transport lines in Hungary, are now under German control, says an Anatolian News Agency report from Bucharest.

It is reported that South East Hungary from a military point of view has been placed under the authority of a German Commander, whose name and powers will be announced shortly. "These measures are much more important than they seem, and a change in the situation of the front should not be excluded." adds the correspondent.

Concerning the situation in Rumania, the same correspondent reports that strong public uneasiness has been created by the arrival of Soviet troops on the banks of the Dniester But it is believed likely that the very rapid movement of the southern Russian front is not due to the German defeat, but to the transfer of a considerable number of troops to the West to meet the danger of the second front. Thus the present numerical proportion of forces on the Russian front is reported to be six to one in favour of the Russians. The principal reason of nervousness in Rumania is that the plans of the German Command and the geographical position of the line of defence fixed by it are unknown.—Reuter.

NAZI TROOPS WILL ENTER RUMANIA

ZURICH, March 22: Reports reaching diplomatic quarters here today quoted a German spokesman as saying: "It is quite possible that German troops will shortly enter Rumania, if they are not doing so already".

The spokesman was said to have denied reports that Rumanian divisions had entered Hungary.—Reuter.

Mass Arrests In Budapest

STOCKHOLM, March 22: The Swedish newspaper 'Aftonti-Dningen' today published a report under Berne date line that over 600 people had been arrested in Budapest alone up to yesterday including the Hungarian Social Democratic leader Karl Peyer.

The same source reported that Field Marshal Baron Maximilian von Weichs, German Commander-in-Chief in the Balkans arrived in Budapest yesterday. Reuter auds that Peyer was charged with treason in December. He was accused together with other Social Democrats of trying to form a secret "popular front" and of being in touch with an unnamed English diplomat and a British-born Hungarian baroness.

Invasion Of Balkans Imminent

ZURICH, March 21.

"Basler Nachrichten's" correspondent at Chiasso on the Italian frontier reported today, "unconfirmed reports are circulating in Italy about largescale military preparations for Allied troops landings in the Mediterranean zone.

An imminent attack on the Balkans is becoming evermore certain.

According to other information the British and Americans are concentrating strong forces in Sardinia and Corsica where numerous crack units are already stationed. This seem to indicate that General Eisenhower plans landings at several points, including south of France."—Reuter.

German Divisions Moving In Massive March On Hungary

CAIRO, March 21.

Crack battle divisions of General von Welch's Balkan Army are moving north in a massive German march on Hungary, according to reports reaching here tonight, cables Reuter's special correspondent. One of the largest troop movements of all time is in progress in south-eastern Europe, it is added.

Soviet Troops Capture Verba

MOSCOW, Mar. 22.

From Reuter's staff correspondent: Fighting in the region of Voznesensk is exceptionally fierce, said the Moscow radio quoting "Izvestia" reports to-day. "The Germans are counter-attacking fiercely", the report added.

Tuesday's Soviet communique announces that Verba has been captured.

The communique further reports that the railway line Czernovitz-Balti has been cut.

Fresh reports reaching here of confusion in the German rear speak of hurried evacuation of machinery and material from the threatened areas as battered German regiments flood into Rumania.

The 'communique' which reported the capture of Verba further says that west and south-west of Vinnitsa Russian troops occupied more than 50 inhabited localities including the railway stations of Brailov and Mateikovo South of the town of Zhmerinka they occupied the towns of Shargorod and Kopai-Gorod district centres of the Vinnitsa region and 80 other inhabited localities.

South of Mogilev-Podolsk the Russians occupied Ataci, the regional centre of the Modavian Soviet Republic, as well as more than 40 other inhabited localities They have cut the railway line Czernovits-Balti.

South-west of Novo Ukrainka they captured the district centres of the Odessa region, Biagodatnaya and Arbuzinka.

CONGRESS M. L. A.'S PARTY TO MRS. NAIDU

NEW DELHI, March 22.

Congress members attending the Central Assembly entertained Mrs. Sarojini Naidu at an informal function today. Dr. C. Rajagopalachari was also present. It is understood that informal discussions on the present political situation in the country took place.—A. P.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE PERVOMAISK

MOSCOW, March 22: The Russians have captured Pervomaisk, said Marshal Stalin in an order of the day to-night (Wednesday).

HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS 'SINE DIE'

The Hungarian news agency tonight stated "the Hungarian Parliament met for a short and formal session to-day. The Speaker Andrew Tasnady Nagy opened the session at noon and moved that the House should adjourn for an unspecified period. The House accepted the motion with an overwhelming majority, whereupon Taindy Nagy declared the House as adjourned and the session closed.—Reuter.

"Nagpur Times" Loses Security

NAGPUR, March 22.—The C. P. Government have forfeited under the Indian Press Emergency Act the security of Rs 1,750 deposited with them by the "Nagpur Times." Two orders were served on Mr. R. P Dube, one forfeiting Rs. 1,000 deposited by him as the Printer and Publisher of the paper and the other forfeiting Rs. 750 deposited as keeper of the Printing Press. The orders state that this action was taken as information confidential under Provisions 11 (2) of the Restriction and Detention Ordinance, 1944, was published in the paper on March 11, 1944.

A third order under D.I.R. requires the paper to submit for scrutiny to the Special Press Adviser, all matter relating directly or indirectly to any security prisoner before publication excepting when the matter received is from official sources or the news agencies.—A P.

BOMB CASE ACCUSED ACQUITTED BUT DETAINED UNDER D.I.R.

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, March 22.

Agreeing with the verdict of the Jury the Sessions Judge acquitted all accused in the Electric Sub-station Bomb Case. After the judgment the acquitted persons were taken into custody immediately under Defence Rules.

DETENU DY. SPEAKER REMOVED TO HOSPITAL

KARACHI, March 22.

Miss Jethi Sipahimalani, Deputy Speaker, detained as a security prisoner has been removed to Lady Dufferin Hospital for observation, as she was keeping bad health.—United Press.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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NEW YORK, March 22

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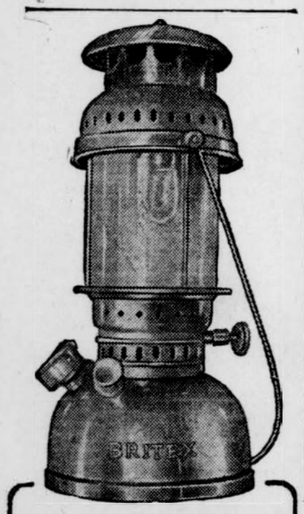

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Men trifle with their business and their politics; but they never trifle with their games.

—George Bernard Shaw.

The Bombay Chronicle

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

For the first time Japanese forces have crossed the frontier and set foot on Indian soil. One Japanese column has, in a three-pronged drive, pushed westwards and entered Manipur State which lies between Burma and Southern and Central Assam. The object of the drive evidently is to cut the Manipur road and enter the Imphal Area. The Manipur road which extends for 130 miles from Imphal almost to the banks of the Chindwin is a marvel of road-engineering and is the result of two years of strenuous and almost superhuman labour. This road has made it possible, as the Commander-in-Chief said in the Council of State yesterday, to maintain in that very rugged and difficult country enough troops to deal with the Japanese forces which have been concentrating on the Chindwin river. According to the Associated Press message the Imphal Area is also menaced by the invading column. Imphal itself is in a valley surrounded by high mountains. Even if the Japanese succeed in cutting the Imphal or Manipur road and threatening Imphal,—no continuous lines of defence being possible in that very rugged and difficult country—the menace to India would not be a serious one. As General Auchinleck said, no real threat can materialise unless and until the Japanese manage to penetrate to points whence they could attack our rail and river communications and our airfields in Assam and this they can only do if they cross great distances of high mountain and dense forest. This almost impossible feat can only be accomplished on the assumption that the defence troops which are distributed all over this area are destroyed or forced back. On the other hand, the manner in which the tables were turned against the Japanese on the Arakan front and the strength of the defence preparations justify the assurance that this clever Japanese move will be liquidated. The Commander-in-Chief was, therefore, right when he said that there was no need to be unduly alarmed about the fact that a Japanese force has entered India. But may we venture to suggest to the Viceroy and the Commander-in-Chief not to lose sight of the psychology of the masses of India which is not different from that of masses of any other country? The people are apt to be influenced more by the fact of the invasion of their land—albeit by a small force—than by the assurance that it would be driven back. At such a time as this nothing could inspire confidence in them more effectively than the existence of a Government composed of their own accredited representatives. Let Lord Wavell and General Auchinleck and Lord Louis Mountbatten ponder over this elementary fact of human psychology and act accordingly and promptly.

People's Food Council

In the observations on the food situation in the country that we offered earlier this week we welcomed the formation of a non-official organization for the Province of Bombay for studying the food problem, watching the working of the official food policy and putting forward suggestions with regard to the procurement and distribution as well as the production of foodstuffs. It was, indeed, a very timely step on the part of the Mayor of Bombay to have convened a meeting to which he invited representatives of various sections of the community from all the districts in the Province to confer among themselves about the food situation and decide whether a provincial food organization was needed. Opinion was unanimous about the need for a central non-official body, notwithstanding the fact that Government have recently decided to set up their own Provincial Food Advisory Committee. Among those who accorded support to the creation of a popular organization were several who had worked in local or district price control or food advisory committees. The scope of these is somewhat restricted; besides, with members of the largest public organisation in the country keeping away from these official committees they cannot be deemed fully representative in the fullest sense of the term.

It appears that at the meeting where the decision to form a people's food council was taken the question was raised whether it would be proper for those connected with the Congress to be associated with it. The meeting was one which was attended by persons belonging to various schools of thought and it was scarcely the forum where this question—which is a domestic issue concerning Congress workers alone—could have been appropriately discussed. Just as the Mayor is a non-party man when he functions as the President of the Bombay Municipal Corporation, it was in his capacity as a non-party man that he had presumably convened this meeting to discuss the food situation. Now that, in response to the unanimous wish expressed at the meeting—fortified by the messages of goodwill received from those unable to attend it—it has been decided to form an organization, it will be for those individuals who have been invited to join it to decide, after taking counsel with their co-workers, whether or not they should agree to be associated with it. We trust that not only will they decide to join the body but that they will also impart to it all the strength that the Congress possesses because of its intimate contact with the masses.

The food situation in the Province is one that gives cause for anxiety to-day and may become grave if it is not handled properly. None who cares for the well-being of the millions of resourceless and ill-fed fellow-citizens in rural and urban areas can afford merely to watch or to criticize. Some positive action is what is demanded of all in this emergency. Even if Government, all powerful as they deem themselves to be at present, with the Defence of India Rules always at their service, believe that they can control the situation without popular support, leaders of public opinion and representatives of the rural population and of labour cannot afford to be indifferent. They have to act as watchdogs, being ever on the alert exercising vigilance so as to ensure that the interests of all are properly safeguarded. They can best do this by co-ordinating their efforts, as proposed, through a central popular organization. The strength of that organization will depend on the co-operation it receives from all over the Province and the value of that co-operation will, in turn, depend on the knowledge derived from live contact with the population which the representatives from the districts bring to bear on the problems that confront them. The task is, indeed, arduous; but the response which the Mayor's move has evoked gives ground for hoping that it is one that all will help to perform with energy and enthusiasm, imbued with the true spirit of service.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Balkan Invasion Imminent ?

The correspondent of a Swiss paper on the Italian frontier has broadcast the interesting news that an Allied invasion of the Balkans is imminent Large-scale military preparations are said to be afoot for Allied troop landings and an attack is becoming "ever more certain." Though this is not the first time that such a report has been current, it need not necessarily be dismissed on that account. For the violent upheaval created in the Balkan countries by the forcible Nazi occupation of Hungary has provided the Allies with a golden opportunity to strike their blow without delay. The German divisions in Yugoslavia are said to be rushing into Hungary, thus making their hold of that country more tenuous than ever. Above all the Red Army is making a determined thrust into Bessarabia, which will provide the main pre-occupation for the Wehrmacht. The prospects of an invasion in force of the Balkans are now brighter than ever and the Zurich report may as well prove an intelligent anticipation of coming events.

Finland's Hara-Kiri

Little surprise will be caused by the Finnish refusal to accept even the modified conditions of peace offered by the Soviet Government. The militarist-Fascist leaders who dominate the Finnish Government are too much under the thumb of their Nazi mentors and masters to take a dispassionate view of the situation. In their blind hatred of the Soviet Government they seem determined to bring rack and ruin upon their own countrymen. The official Finnish 'communique' no doubt presents an elaborate defence of the decision taken but it will hardly prove convincing to the Finnish people themselves—let alone to the rest of the world. The opinions of such pronounced friends of Finland as Sweden and the United States have been already made clear and by the course it has adopted, the Finnish Government is bound to lose all international sympathy, apart from inviting retribution upon itself at the hands of the Red Army sooner or later. If Finland had accepted the six-point peace terms at least as a basis for further negotiations, the obvious difficulties created by the presence of General Diett's divisions in Northern Finland could have been sympathetically explored by the Soviet Government. But by their curt "No", the Finnish Government has burnt all boats behind it. It has virtually committed national hara-kiri.

Handsome Tribute

Sir Srinivas Sarma paid a handsome but deserved tribute to Indian journalism when in a press interview he said: "Our Indian boys are in no way inferior to their contemporaries in Europe and America in the matter of leader writing, sub-editing and other branches of expert journalism." He also stated an elementary truth when he added that, in spite of their high merits Indian journalists are "grossly underpaid". He welcomes the appointment by the Editors' Conference of a Committee to inquire into the conditions of working journalists, and we feel sure he will actively help in the fulfilment of his wish that machinery should be set up to ensure a respectable living wage to the Indian journalist, consistent with the dignity and responsibility of the Fourth Estate. As regards his surprise at many journalists in India attaching more importance to political opinion than to their own economic standard, our explanation is that, while political views are a matter of one's choice, a low economic standard is thrust upon many, who find what comfort they can in poor living and high thinking. If some persist in the work in spite of a miserable return, it may be they [illegible] their own scale of values.

"ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR INDIA"

Prof. Vakil's Plea For Proper Distribution And Adequate Social Security Arrangements

"The economic development plan for India" was the subject of a lecture by Prof. C. N. Vakil, at the Sir Dorabji Tata Graduate School of Social Work, Nagpada, on Wednesday evening.

At the outset Prof. Vakil referred to the recent outburst of the London 'Economist' which was obviously upset by the ambitious schemes of the Plan to develop industries in India. This reminds one, said the speaker, of the attitude of Lancashire in the early days of the rise of Cotton Industry in India. In order to prevent the growth of the industry in India free trade principles were invoked, and political power misused. For the same purpose, the interests of agriculture were now sought to be put in opposition to those of industry. The "Economist" ought to have known that there was no inherent opposition between the two, and that India could no longer be taken in by such alarmist propaganda.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PLAN

Prof. Vakil offered a few suggestions for the improvement of the Plan. So far as the objection was concerned he would like to lay down that the minimum average standard as laid down in the Plan should be guaranteed to each individual This would meet the objections of those who want proper distribution of the total production under the Plan. Such a guarantee would mean that the total production should be larger than that laid down in the Plan, if they assumed that some persons would get more than the minimum. It also involved the right to work and certain social security arrangements.

CONTROLLED CAPITALISM

So far as the position of the State was concerned, it appeared that the authors of the 15-Year Plan thought of a system of controlled or regulated capitalism. Analysing the scheme on this basis, Prof. Vakil assumed the following arrangement subject to the correction by the authors:—

(a) That expenditure on social services, such as Education and Health, being unremunerative in the business sense, will have to be undertaken by the State. (b) That productive or unremunerative services of a monopoly nature, such as communications and public utilities should be also undertaken by the State or Public Corporations under State control. (c) That basic industries should be undertaken by the State, as it is desirable to avoid the growth of competition or monopoly in the same. These may be entrusted to Public Corporations under proper State control. (d) That private enterprise should be allowed in other fields, but private investment should be regulated both as regards the channels of investment and profits in order that it may conform to the requirements of the Plan.

"CREATED MONEY"

Regarding the financing of the Plan, Prof. Vakil emphasised that 'created money' could not take the place of capital. To ignore the dangers of inflation inherent in this suggestion by saying that economists were obsessed with the word 'inflation' was not good logic. At the same time to argue that because the scheme would involve the employment of 4 1/2 per cent of the population, the question of inflation did not arise was also an attempt to evade criticism. If they had to 'create money' to finance the Plan, said the speaker, it means that the necessary capital was not forthcoming to that extent from genuine savings. Under such conditions, 'created money' would merely squeeze the people most unevenly, and no amount of quibbling or side tracking would remove the inevitable consequences of the process. He emphasised that though money was secondary and only an instrument, it was a delicate instrument to be used with care, because in money economy, one could not tinker with prices unless one wanted to favour one class at the expense of another. Prof. Vakil, was, however, more optimistic than the authors and observed that there would be no need for 'creating money' as suggested in the plan. Though it was not possible to foresee the actual state of affairs, it could be said with confidence that 'creation of money' would not be necessary. It would be better to go slow with the Plan than work it with 'created money' to hasten its execution.

BALANCED ECONOMY

Regarding the assumption made in the Plan that we should aim at comparative self-sufficiency and not depend on export markets, Prof. Vakil observed that the experience of most countries that developed their industries was that their foreign trade increased. He said: "We shall need imports of capital goods; even of some raw materials which we are not able to produce and some manufactured goods for which we may not have facilities. We shall have to pay for these, and we can do so normally by exports. Though we may be able in due course to export some manufactured goods, our exports will be mainly agricultural products for many years to come. It is in the interests of our industrial progress that the agriculturist should have a larger purchasing power than envisaged in the Plan; if we produce five times more industrial goods, but if the people do not have the capacity to buy them, there will be difficulties. The problem is not merely of finding 4 1/2 per cent of the population to do the new work, but of distributing among the entire population of such a variety of suitable work that all may have scope to do their best. It is not proper, for example to assume that things will adjust themselves in agriculture as in the case of uneconomic holdings; rural life will have to be planned as much as the industrial."

Pakistan Day

'A BIG STEP TO NATIONAL UNITY'

Jinnah Surveys "Four-Years' Progress"

LAHORE, March 22.

Mr. M. A. Jinnah has given the following message for the Pakistan day to be observed on March 23:—

"This is the fourth year since we passed our Pakistan resolution on the 23rd March 1940 and this golden day has been ever since observed every year by the Muslim Nation all over this sub-continent. I have no doubt that this year it will be observed as enthusiastically and wholeheartedly as in the past. Every year that passes, Muslim League is going forward from strength to strength and our organisation is tackling great questions and issues in every department of life—educationally, economically, socially and politically. We are nearer realisation of our goal of Pakistan and the achievement of our freedom than ever before. I am sure when I say that, I am speaking on your behalf that Muslim India will not rest content until we have realised our goal.

Our goal is clearly indicated in the famous Lahore resolution of the All-India Muslim League and it is the only solution of the political problem of India and it is a proposal that will bring universal peace. It will make two major nations in this country happier and in that direction lies the achievement of freedom of both—Hindus and Mussalmans. For us, Pakistan means our defence, our deliverance, and our destiny. It is the only way which will ensure to us our freedom and the maintenance of our honour and glory of Islam. We have to mould our people into a well organised and solid nation. The speed of the final victory depends upon the proportion of labours that we put forth and it is within your grasp.

During the last years we have made a remarkable progress and every year it is doubled and redoubled. We are not lacking in the great qualities and virtues in comparison with other nations. We have achieved a big step and have created a vigorous consciousness of national unity. Let us go forward full of hope for the coming year with faith in our heart, unity in our camp, discipline in our rank and I am confident of our success and we shall without doubt realise our goal of Pakistan."—A.P.

LUCKNOW BAN ON OPEN AIR MEETINGS

LUCKNOW, March 22.

The District Magistrate has forbidden open air meeting on 'Pakistan Day'.

League circles are disappointed at this and are seeing the Chief Secretary with a view to get permission.—Orient Press.

Ministerialist Reaction To Jinnah's Speech

LAHORE, March 22.

Though Mr. Jinnah's speech in yesterday's party meeting in the Assembly tea room has caused flutter in political circles, neutral circles believe that nothing concrete would come out as a result of it and the 'status quo' will be maintained.

"Orient Press" representative approached a score of Ministerialists including two Ministers and half a dozen Parliamentary Secretaries but none was in a communicative mood. They were, however, unanimous that the Ministerial position will not change and nothing new would happen. Jinnah is our guest and let their attitude—Orient Press.

Indian And Eastern Newspaper Society

CALCUTTA, March 21.

The fifth annual general meeting of the Indian and Eastern Newspaper Society was held with Mr. Devadas Gandhi, President, in the chair at the Statesman House, Calcutta, on Tuesday, the 21st March at which the following were present: Mr. H. W. Smith (Times of India) Mr W. J. E. Walker (Statesman), Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh (Amrita Bazar Patrika), Mr. B. N. Chopra (Pioneer), Mr. A. Taylor (Mail), Mr. S. C. Majumdar (Hindustan Standard), Mr. F. W. Bustin (Civil and Military Gazette), Mr. J. K. Cowley (Statesman), Mr. K. K. Sopariwalla (Sind Observer), Mr. K. S. Sankaran (Hindu), Mr. E. R. Mehta (Leader), Mr. P. I. Ramabhadran (Indian Express), Mr K. Srinivasan (Dhinamani), Mr Sookamal Ghosh (Jugantar), Mr. S. Das Gupta (Ananda Bazar Patrika), Mr. N. C. Ghosh (Amrita Bazar Patrika), and Mr. Asude, Secretary of the Society.

After the adoption of the annual report and the annual accounts as submitted by the Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer respectively, the following officers and members of the Committee were re-elected for the year 1944: Mr. Devadas Gandhi (Hindustan Times), President: Mr H. W. Smith (Times of India), Deputy President; Mr. W. J. E. Walker (Statesman), Vice-President; Mr. J. K. Cowley (Statesman), Hon. Treasurer: Committee: Mr. K. Srinivasan (Hindu), Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh (Amrita Bazar Patrika), Mr. F. W. Bustin (Civil and Military Gazette), Mr. B. N. Chopra (Pioneer), Mr. P. L. Sondhi (Tribune).

A committee meeting and an ordinary general meeting of the Society also took place on the 20th and 21st March in the course of which several important decisions in connection with the Society's business were reached. Satisfaction was expressed at Government's decision to continue the temporary concession recently allowed to newspapers to increase the number of pages by one-seventh of the original weekly quota.—A.P.

Bombay Women's Tributes To Kasturba's Memory

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Glowing tributes to the memory of Smt. Kasturba Gandhi were paid at a largely attended women's meeting at Blavatsky Lodge this evening. The meeting was organised by the Bombay Presidency Women's Council and the Bhagini Samaj, Seva Sadan, Vanita Vihar, Y.W.C.A. and other organisations were represented.

Mrs. Kamala Dongerkerry who presided described Smt. Kasturba as "a perfect woman nobly planned; a great mother and a great wife whose quality of greatness defied analysis."

She said that Smt. Kasturba would be revered for all time and be held up as an ideal and great daughter of India. She occupied an important place in the temple of fame, and in the words of Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, she would pass into legend and song.

Condolence resolutions were sent to Mahatma Gandhi and the other bereaved members of her family.

Mrs. Kulsum Sayani, Maclean, E. G. Currimbhoy, J. R. Doctor, and Mathai also spoke.

If Jamnadas Mehta Were Finance Member!

NEW DELHI, March 22.

Before continuing the general debate on the Finance Bill, the Assembly held a brief debate on the War Secretary's motion for the election of six members to the Defence Consultative Committee. In the course of the debate, Muslim League and Congress Party spokesmen strongly criticised and dissociated themselves from the Committee's work, while other members as strongly defended it.

Sir Mohamed Yamin Khan, Secretary, Muslim League Party, characterised the Committee as a mere "eyewash" and deprecated the "waste of money" on it. Sir Yamin also declared that until the Government itself was responsible to people, parties with a large following in the country could not associate themselves with these committees.

The motion was passed.

Sir Yamin Khan recorded the party's opposition to a similar motion for the election of members to the Standing Committee attached to the Supply Department.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta continuing his speech on the Finance Bill, went on to charge the Finance Member with having reversed the normal procedure of financing war, and said that instead of resorting to inflation last, the Finance Member had taken that as his first step.

As Mr. Mehta developed his point, he had frequent exchanges with the Finance Member who finally with vigorous thump on the desk asked him how he would have financed the war himself. With an equally vigorous thump, Mr. Mehta declared he was prepared to take up the challenge, and said he would have started with heavy taxation of those who were strong enough to bear it. He would not have hesitated to impose even a capital levy.

Mr. Mehta criticised certain aspects of the Bombay plan and deprecated the written order which he said the Bihar Government officials had issued laying down that people should buy war bonds up to certain specified percentages of the land revenue they paid.

Sir Sultan Ahmed, Member for Information and Broadcasting, in a brief speech dealt with the apprehension expressed in the course of the debate that for a number of posts which had fallen vacant in his department and which had been advertised, experts from abroad would be imported. He gave the assurance that there was not the slightest idea of importing anybody from England or anywhere else outside India for any post for which the Indian taxpayer would have to pay, as far his department was concerned.—

The House adjourned till to-morrow.—A.P.

Bombay Provincial Food Council

Messrs. R. B. Wadekar and V. N. Patil have been nominated on the Bombay Provincial Food Council as representatives of East Khandesh and not of West Khandesh.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

CAPE TOWN, March 21.

The High Commissioner, Sir Shafaat Ahmed Khan, has issued a statement on the amended of the Liquor Act.

Describing the amendment which enables Indians to purchase liquor on the same terms as Europeans as an enhancement of Indian status, Sir Shafaat Ahmed Khan appeals to Indians to use the concession to show that the community is worthy of the right.

—Reuter.

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Germans are reported to have occupied Hungary.

The first mile-stone in their advance backwards on the road to—Berlin!

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The New Delhi correspondent of 'Times of India' reports that during Tuesday's debate on the Budget, "the Finance Member had a nap and even absented himself for a while, while the Commerce Member snored on a sofa in the lobby."

This practice of having a nap and snoring seems to be quite common on the official benches. The nominated members are also encouraged to day-dream but they have been trained so well that, even while sleep-walking at voting time they find their way to the correct lobby!

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Finland's "No" To Russia

—Headline.

How very lady-like to persist in saying "No" when you want to say "Yes"!

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Sir R. S. Sarma, in an interview, spoke of the average American's 'amazing ignorance' about India.

Then he illustrated it by saying that the "general public opinion in America was that India had made a mistake in rejecting the Cripps' offer"!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) *India is being sold bit bit to America—and the Bank of England is pocketing the price!*

(2) *The Indians have no objection to being sold—but to be sold 'bit by bit' is the crowning indignity!*

(3) *So far as Bombay is concerned there is even a historical precedent—if once it could be given in a princess' dowry, it can also be sold to-day!*

(4) *Since Mr. Jinnah says there is no such thing as the Sikander-Jinnah Pact, it must have died—with the death of the late Sir Sikander Hayat Khan.*

(5) *When the Punjab Premier went to meet the Governor, they only talked about the weather, Yusuf Meherally, Punjab's splendid war effort and the Pardiwala case—but not a word about Mr. Jinnah.*

(6) *When Germans marched into Hungary "Admiral" Horthy sailed away in his non-existent fleet.*

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Hindu: Falgun Vad 14, 2000
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Avval 27, 1363
Parsi: Meher 21, 1313
Sunrise: 7-42 a.m. Sunset: 7-48 p.m.
Hightide: 11-05, 23-40. Lowtide: 5-03, 17-04.

Domestic Occurrence

BHATIA UTHAMNA

SHETH KARSANDAS DHARAMSEY SOONDERDAS J. P. (Sheth Mooljee Jaithawala) died at Poona on Tuesday evening. His Uthamna ceremony will be performed on Friday the 24th March, 1944 at 3 p.m. (B T) at his residence 'Chandra Bhuvan', Nepean Sea Road Bombay.

To-day's Engagements

PRARTHANA SAMAJ 77TH ANNIVERSARY: To-day (Thursday) at 6-30 p.m. Lecture in English on the "Buddha and the Vedant" by Mr. Jagadish Chandra Chatterji.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS MATUNGA: Study Class on the subject of "The Lighting Up of Manas" at 8-15 p.m. to-day (Thursday) at Putla House, Bhaudaji Road, Matunga.

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN: Shri Doraswamy Shastri, will deliver a lecture on "Hindu Dharma and Its Role in Modern Life" at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan at 6 p.m. to-day (Thursday).

MUSLIM STUDENTS' FEDERATION: A symposium on Pakistan will be held at 5-30 p.m. at Ismail Begmohd. H. S. Hall when Messrs. M. A. Chalwala A. Peerbhai and S. S. Desnavi will speak, Mr. Hussain A. Begmohamed, M.L.A. presiding.

15-YEAR PLAN: Dr. John Matthai will give, under the auspices of the Commerce Graduates' Association, a talk on "The Fifteen-Year Plan" today (Thursday) at 6-15 p.m. in the Green's Hotel, Apollo Bunder, Fort. Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai will preside. The talk is kept open to the public.

LATE MR. G. B VAIDYA: The 23rd Anniversary of the late Mr. Gajanan Bhaskar Vaidya will be held in the G. B. Vaidya Memorial Hall, Nowroji Sheth Street, Thakurdwar, to-day (Thursday) at 4 p.m. when Mr. Anant Hari Gadre will preside and speak on the life and the work of the late Mr. Vaidya.

Poland Before War

EXHIBITION AT C. J. HALL ON TUESDAY

An exhibition illustrating Poland will be opened at Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall, on Tuesday (28th inst.) at 6-30 p.m. It will depict: Poland before the war, Her Part in the war, Polish emigrants, Polish arts and crafts.

Other attractive features will be: Polish music, folk dances, lectures and films on Poland.

TO-DAYS'S PUBLIC MEETING

The Secretary of the Bombay Committee of the Communist Party of India writes:

The Muslim League is celebrating the Pakistan day today (March 23) throughout India. In order to declare on this important occasion that all the political parties in the country accept the right of our Muslim countrymen to self-determination including the right of secession two public meetings will be held under the auspices of the Bombay Committee of the Communist Party of India; one at the Pimpalache Maidan, Fergusson Road at 6-30 p.m. and the other at the Huseni Baug, Rippon Road Cross Lane, Madanpura at 9-30 p.m. At the first meeting, Com. Sajjad Jaheer, a member of the A.I.C.C. will preside and Com. B. T. Ranadive, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party will be the main speaker on the resolution. The Bombay Provincial Muslim League will send their representative to explain the point of view of the League. Maulana Fazlullah Khan, the Secretary Bombay Provincial Muslim League Civil Defence Committee will speak for the League. Sjt. Ishwarbhai Patel, the Jt. Secretary of the B P C will speak for the position of the Congress vis a vis the demand. At the other meeting, Com. Sajjad Jaheer will preside and Dr. K. M. Ashraf, another member of the A.I.C.C. will be the main speaker.

MEDICOS TO DISCUSS DRUG CONTROL ORDER

The new Drug Control Order and the problems raised by it will be discussed at a meeting of the members of the Medical profession to be held under the auspices of the Bombay Branch of the Indian Medical Association on Sunday, March 26 at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Blavatsky Lodge Hall.

CITY MARKETS

Bombay, March 22.

SHARES: The local Share Bazar opened steady but there being absence of fresh support prices reacted but at the decline the market was steady with scattered buying. Tata Steel Dfd. Shares opened at Rs. 2,240 and after declining to Rs. 2,225 rallied to Rs. 2,235. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 427 and improved to Rs. 429, Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 2,135 and improved to Rs. 2,140 but quietened at Rs. 2,137. Century Mill Shares were quoted at Rs. 1,052 Kohinoor Mill Shares opened x.d. at Rs. 680 and sagged to Rs. 678.

Towards the close there was increased selling pressure in Steel Shares and the market closed quiet.

BULLION: Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at 168-8-0. Dollar Sterling Cross Rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03-1/2 at London and 4.03 at New York London Spot and Forward Silver quotations were uncanged at 23-1/2d. and New York Spot Silver was quoted at 44-3/4 cents. The local market opened steady with Forward Silver quoted at Rs. 126-12 but price declined to Rs. 126-4 on general realising. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 129-6. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 71 and Forward quotation was Rs. 70-15-6. Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 49-3.

Later on there was active buying in Silver influenced by war news and prices firmed up. Ready Gold Rs. 71-0-6, Forward Gold Rs. 71-0-4, Ready Silver Rs. 131-6, Forward Silver Rs. 128-6.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton May Contract is below New York May 363 cent points at Exchange Rate 331.

COTTON ARRIVALS: Khandesh 825, Central India 1,207, Barsi 125, Dholeras 302, Sindh-Punjab 2,441, Broach 2,644, Egyptian 5,058 total 12,602 bales.

NO TRADING IN COTTON MARKET

Bombay, March 22.

The local Cotton Market was officially open to-day but no business was done by members to-day being the monthly day of Pujya Kasturba's death.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

I C C March highest 451-1/2, lowest 448, closing 449-1/4, I C C May highest 451, lowest 446-1/2, closing 447-1/4, I C C July highest 457-1/2, lowest 453, closing 453-3/4, I C C September highest 460, lowest 456, closing 456.

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, March 22.

Jarilla Extra Spr-fine 467, Sup 457, Fine 447, F Good 440, Broach Extra Spr-fine 467, Sup 462, Fine 457, F Good 452, L S S Pun-Ame Extra Spr-fine 585, Sup 580, Fine 575, F Good 570, 289 F Pun-Ame Extra Spr-fine 635, Sup 630, Fine 625, F Good 620, S G 289 Extra Spr-fine 680, Sup 675, Fine 670, F Good 665, N T Sind-Ameri. Extra Spr-fine 585, Sup 580, Fine 575, F Good 570, Sawgin Sind-Ameri, Extra Spr-fine 625, Sup 620, Fine 615, F Good 610.

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, March 22.

Khandesh Jarilla Old 270/300 New 350/380, Berar Jarilla Old 310/320, New 400/420, 289 F Jarilla Old 480/520, New 610/630, N T Jarilla Old 450/460, New 560/570, 289 F Saw-Ginned Old 500/550, New 675/685.

U. S. COTTON GINNING: Final United States Cotton Ginnings are 11,121,000 running bales or 11,421,000 bales of an average weight of 500 lbs.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, March 21.

May 20.86+09, July 20.30+14, October 19.79+16, December 19.61+20, January 19.54+20, March 19.45+22, May highest 20.88+11 (2-56 p.m.), lowest 20.75—02 (10 a.m.) Middling Spot 21.81+09.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

May 20.98+10, July 20.42+14, October 19.81+16, December 19.68+18, January 19.30+18, March 19.45+21, Middling Spot 21.00+05.

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL

May 20.78, July 20.18 October 19.68.

AHMEDABAD SHARE BAZAR

AHMEDABAD, March 22.

Despite quiet Bombay advices the local Share Market presented firm front especially in Calico influenced by Jubilee Mil rumours. Calico 1,586, Ambika 565, Jupiter 379, Marsden 238, Monogram 198, Saraspur 619, Ashok 731-4-0, Anil 577-8-0, Jagdish 2/95, Mahalaxmi 1900, Rohia 446-4-0.

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR

MADRAS, March 21.

Market steady: Jeypore Sugars 20/8, Mysore Chemical Fertilisers 40/8, United Breweries 150, Mettur Chemical New 24/8 Mettur Chemical Deferred 10/12, Mettur Chemical Old 25, Mysore Papers 35/12, Mysore Stoneware 14/6, Spencer Ordy 13/2.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, March 22.

Easier feeling continued in the market but the volume of business remained fair and satisfactory. Government Securities were unchanged.

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS

Tenders for Rs. Four Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Wednesday the 22nd March 1944. Total amount offered was Rs. 7,33,00,000—(Rupees seven crores thirty-three lakhs only). Tenders at Rs. 99-13-0 were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-12-9 allotted approximately 47 per cent. Total amount accepted was Rs. Four Crores, the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-12-9 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs Four Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday the 28th March 1944 in Bombay up to 11 a.m. (Standard Time) and up to the close of business on Monday the 27th March 1944 at other centres. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday the 31st March, 1944. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 17th March 1944, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 2,45,00,000—(Rupees two crores forty-five lakhs only) were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

An account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act. 1934 for the week ended the 17th day of March 1944.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES: Notes held in the Banking Department Rs. 8,73,51,000; Notes in circulation Rs. 885,35,99,000; Total Notes issued Rs. 894,09,50,000.

ASSETS: A. Gold coin and Bullion: (a) held in India Rs. 44,41,43,000; Sterling Securities Rs. 779,83,96,000; Total of A Rs. 824,25,39,000; B. Rupee Coin Rs. 11,51,41,000; Government of India Rupee Securities Rs. 58,32,70,000, Total assets Rs. 894,09,50,000.

Radio of total of A to Liabilities: 92.189 per cent.

Shanmukham Chetty Committee

The committee appointed by the Government of India, under the chairmanship of Sir R. K. Shanmukham Chetty, to survey and report on the existing facilities for scientific and industrial research on India and the steps to be taken to promote the same in the post-war period, concluded its three-day sittings in Bombay on Wednesday.

This being the first meeting of the Committee, it settled the scope of its inquiry and the questionnaire to be issued.

On Wednesday, the last day, the committee interviewed Mr. B. J. Wadia, Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University, Dr. K. Venkatraman, head of the University Department of Chemical Technology, Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas, Sir Ardeshir Dalal and other industrialists.

The committee left for Ahmedabad the same night.

HOLIDAY IN COTTON MARKET

The local Cotton Market will remain closed on Saturday the 25th inst., on account of Vikram Bi-Millenium Celebrations.

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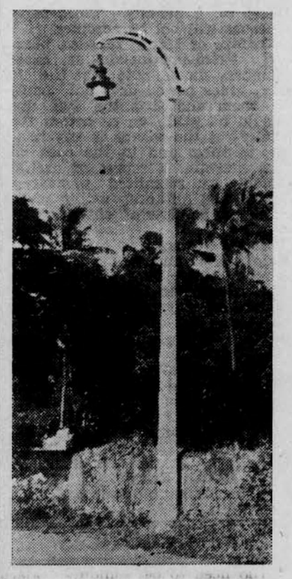

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A. KALYANA RAMAN,
Addl. Director of Civil Supplies
Red Bungalow, R.I.S. Compound,
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(8226)

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NOTICE TO BOMBAY REGIONAL MOTOR OWNERS.

OWNERS of Motor Vehicles, residing in the Bombay Region are informed that the fourth and the last quarter of the financial year 1943-1944 of the Motor Vehicles Tax ends on 31-3-44. All owners, who have paid the Tax upto 31-3-44 should therefore pay or remit now to the Motor Vehicles and Taxation Department, Gymnasium Road, off Cruickshank Road, Bombay, further Tax for one or more quarters of the financial year 1944-1945, so that it may be credited on or before 15-4-44. Payments will be accepted on any working day between 10-30 a. m. and 2-30 p.m. and on Saturdays between 10-30 a. m. and 12-30 p. m.

Cheques should only be drawn in favour of the Dy. Commissioner of Police, M. V. and Taxation, Bombay, or the Executive Officer, Regional Transport Authority, Bombay. When Tax is paid by Cheques the Tax tokens and Registration Certificates will be issued only after the Cheques are encashed by the Bank. Any delay in payment of Tax due to any irregularity or otherwise will render the owner or the person in possession of the Motor Vehicle liable to a penalty. Third-party Cheques will not be accepted.

Owners of Motor Vehicles, bearing Extra-Provincial or State Numbers should note that the 15 days grace period does not apply to them and that the Tax due should be paid, on or before the expiry of the tokens if any issued to them and in the case of new arrivals, a report of arrival should be submitted to nearest Registering Authority within seven days of the date of entering the Province.

Motor Owners are further informed that under Rule 26 of the Bombay Motor Vehicles Tax Rules 1940, nonuse intimations should be sent so as to reach this Office on or before 31-3-44, the date of expiry of the period for which tax has been paid.

Cash transactions will be closed on 25-3-44 and 1-4-44 both being Sectional Hindu Holidays.

(Sd.) E. SHEEHY,
Dy. Commissioner of Police,
M. V. & Taxation, Bombay.
M. V. & Taxation Department,
Gymnasium Road,
off Cruickshank Road, Bombay.
(8221)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai **RATANBAI**, widow of Munchershaw Pallonji Mistry, Sorabji Munchershaw Mistry and Phirozshaw Pallonji Mistry Executors of the Will of Munchershaw Pallonji Mistry have agreed to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the documents and title deeds, relating to the said property prior to the Deed of Settlement dated 19th February 1916 made between Pallonji Shapurji Mistry of the one part, and Pallonji Shapurji Mistry and others of the other part, have been mispiaced and lost and in spite of diligent search the same are not found.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property or in respect of the said lost or mislaid title-deeds by way of sale, transfer, gift, bequest, trust, charge, exchange, residence, use inheritance, maintenance, possession, mortgage, equitable mortgage, lease, lien, easement or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at 77, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof otherwise the purchase will be completed, without any reference to all unnotified claims and the same if any shall be considered as relinquished and waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground of the quit and ground rent tenure together with the godown structure standing thereon situate, lying and being on the East side of Khetwady first Lane without the Fort of Bombay in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement four hundred and sixty three square yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old Nos. 2087, 2109-2110 and 3079, New No. 9215, Old Survey No. 660-661 and New Survey No. 5387 and Cadastral Survey No. 753, Girgaum Division and bounded as follows: that is to say on or towards the East partly by the property formerly of Mahomed Hoosein Mahomedalli and now of Mahomed Afzal Mahomed Sadek and partly by the property of Rustomji Byramji Bhownagree, on or towards the West by the said Khetwadi first Lane, on or towards the South by the property of Sorabji Pestonji Gandhi and on or towards the North by the property of the said Shapurji Sorabji and which said premises are assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward Nos. 1701 and 1702 and former Street Nos. 41-43 and New Street Nos. 19-21.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1944.

SHASTRI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(8212)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ERACH GUSTADJI REPORTER of Bombay Parsi Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned properties to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said properties by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Yusuf Building, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTIES

FIRSTLY — Land admeasuring 11,424 3|9 square yards or thereabouts of which a portion, admeasuring 9154 3|9 square yards is of Quit and Ground Rent tenure cess redeemed and the remaining portion admeasuring 2270 square yards is freehold with the messuages, tenements, bungalows, godowns, houses, outhouses, standing on the entire piece of land with all appurtenances situate partly at Hansraj Lane, Byculla Bridge and partly at Nesbit Road, Mazagaon, without the Fort of Bombay, bearing as to the 1st portion, Collector's Old Nos. A|374, B|374 and 375, Collector's New Nos. 11836, 11837, 11839; Old Survey No. 643 and New Survey No. 1A|3674 and Cadastral Survey No. 384 of Mazagaon Division and as to the 2nd portion, Collector's Old No. 67, Collector's New No. 16308, Old Survey No. A 644, New Survey No. 1|4676 and Cadastral Survey No. 1|383 of Mazagaon Division and bounded, on or towards the East partly by the property of Byramji Dadabhai and partly by the property of Ruby Ethel Portlock, wife of Frank Portlock and partly by the property of Jamshedji Dinshaw Buxi and others, on or towards the South by the property of the Secretary of State for India in Council, on or towards the West partly by the G. I. P. Railway Line and partly by the property of Indian Oxygen and Acetylene Co., Ltd., and on or towards the North partly by the property of Indian Oxygen and Acetylene Co., Ltd., and partly by the property of Byramji Dadabhai and partly by the property of Ruby Ethel Portlock, wife of Frank Portlock all which premises are bearing Municipal E Ward Nos. 4717, 4718 (6), 4718(1 and 5), 4718(3A), 4718(4), 6129(1), 6129(2), 6129(4), 6129(5), 6129(3), and 4719, and Street Nos. 16A, 16B, 16C, 16D, 16F, 16H, 16I, 16J, 16K, (Hansraj Lane) 1B, 1, 1A (Nesbit Road).

SECONDLY—Ice Factory and Cold Storage, on the property firstly above described known as Light-Foot Ice and Cold Storage Company and the business thereof and everything appurtenant thereto Lock stock and Barrel as a going concern including the name and goodwill thereof and all the movables including machinery, plant, stock-in-trade, stores, spare parts, tools, loose plant and machinery and all other things and articles appertaining to the said Factory and Cold Storage and the business thereof.

THIRDLY—Land, admeasuring 2163 square yards or thereabouts of quit and ground rent tenure cess redeemed with all the buildings and godowns thereon with all appurtenances, situate at Hansraj Lane, Byculla Bridge, without the Fort of Bombay, bearing the same Collector's Nos. and Survey Nos. as the piece of land, admeasuring 9154 3|9 square yards being portion of the property firstly described and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1384 of Mazagaon Division and bounded on the West by the land of G.I.P. Railway, on the South and East by the property of Erach Gustadji Reporter being the aforesaid property firstly described and on the North by the property of Hansraj Currumsey and bearing Municipal E Ward Nos. 4718(2), 4718(3), 4718(7) and 4718(8) and Street Nos. 16, 16E and 16G Hansraj Lane.

FOURTHLY—Leasehold interest of the said Erach Gustadji Reporter in two pieces of Foras lands, admeasuring respectively 1401 and 935 square yards or thereabouts with all godowns and buildings thereon situate at Lamington Road, Byculla, outside the Fort of Bombay and forming part of the property known as Old Sunderdas Mill property and forming part of property bearing Collector's Old No. 69, New No. 13507, 13567, Old Survey No. 236 and New Survey Nos. 1|3507 and 2|3508 and Cadastral Survey Nos. 5|1887 and 7|1887 of Byculla Division bearing Municipal E Ward Nos. 4215 and 4218 (1) and (3) and Street No. 32H and 32(L), 12(C) and 12(D).

FIFTHLY—Ice Factory and Aerated Waters Factory, the property Fourthly described known as the Imperial Ice and Aerated Waters Factory and the business thereof and everything appurtenant thereto Lock stock and Barrel as a going concern including the name and Goodwill thereof and all the movables including machinery, plant, stock-in-trade, stores, spare parts, tools, loose plant and machinery, motor lorries, cart, bullocks appurtaining to the said factory and business hereof.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1944.

MALVI RANCHHODDAS & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(8207)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NOWROJI RUSTOMJI WADIA, BOMANJI JAMSETJI WADIA, JEHANGIR BOMANJI WADIA and SURENDRA CHAMANLAL JAVERI, the present Trustees of the last Will and Codicil of the late Lady Aimai Hormusji Wadia have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. All persons having any claim against or to the said property of whatsoever kind or nature are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 36, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within FOURTEEN DAYS from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:—

ALL that piece of leasehold land together with the bungalow and outhouses standing thereon, situate at Marine Lines Road, in Bombay, admeasuring 1,600 square yards bearing Collector's New Survey Nos. 8452 and 8453 and C. S. No. 1433 of Fort Division and Municipal A Ward No. 3526, Street No. 37 and bounded as follows: on the North by Plot No. 19, Marine Lines, on the East by vacant land of Bombay Municipality, on the West by Marine Lines Road and on the South by Plot No. 17, Marine Lines and which plot of land is known as Plot No. 18, Marine Lines.

Dated, 22nd March, 1944
GHULAMALI NOORANI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. ALIMAHOMED DAWOOD has contracted to sell to one of our clients the undermentioned property. Any person or persons having or making any claim against the said property by way of sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, exchange, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lien, or otherwise, howsoever, is or are requested to make the same known in writing to us at our Office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, within fourteen days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to any such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground with the bungalow and structure standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Lonavla in the Registration Sub-District of Mawal, Taluka Mawal District Poona, being part of Survey Nos. 84 and 86, Revision Survey No. 115, Hissa No. 1 and Entry Nos. 140, 141, and 153, C. T. S. Ward H. No. 94 and Municipal Ward H. No. 37, admeasuring four thousand three hundred and forty-six square yards or thereabouts and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the North by Sakarpathar Road, on or towards the South by the road and beyond that by the property of J. R. Kharas, on or towards the East by the Road and on or towards the West by the property formerly of Kawasji Kavarana and now of Panday.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1944.

MATUBHAI JAMIETRAM & MADAN,
8210 Purchaser's Attorneys.

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WHEREAS Share No. 184 of the New East India Press Co., Ltd., (In Liquidation) standing in the name of Harjivan Damoder Kapadia, has been lost or mislaid and whereas the Liquidator will proceed to make payment of the dividends to the said Harjivan Damoder Kapadia. It is notified that any claim in respect of the same said Share Certificate should be notified to me within fifteen days of this notice.

(Sd.) C. G. FOZDAR,
Liquidator.
(4436)

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MENESSE & CO., will sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1944, at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.) at Cotton Depot, Sewree, near North end of C. Group Second Avenue by order of the Insurance office concerned the above damaged cotton.

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